

REMARKS

I. Allowance of Claims 8-9

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 8-9.

II. Conditionally Allowance of Claims 5-7 and 14-17

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 5-7 and 14-17 as being dependent on a rejected base claims, but stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has so amended these claims. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

III. Claims 1, 4, 10 and 13

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4, 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Webb. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicant cancels these claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

IV. Claims 2-3 and 11-12

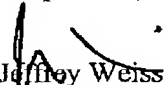
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4, 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicant cancels these claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment, including the amendments to the Claims and in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, are

fully responsive to all aspects of the objections and rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5-7 and 14-17 are now in condition for allowance, with Claims 8-9 having been previously allowed. Applicant therefore earnestly solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance with respect to Claims 5-9 and 14-17.

If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,


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